







## MARSHFIELD.

Mr. Frank Ford has been having a tough time with the measles. Mrs. Oscar Bellup is very sick with a complication of diseases. Miss May Blackman is in Boston studying at Comer's Commercial College.

Mrs. Asa Walker has returned from a long visit at her daughter's in Cambridgeport.

R. P. Williamson killed a wild goose New Year's day, making the second this winter.

Mr. Luther White is building himself a new house on Webster street, near the Marshfield depot.

Mrs. Proctor Kent left town last Monday for Florida, where she is intending to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ford of East Marshfield are spending part of the winter with their niece, Mrs. W. L. Sprague.

The house of Charles Lawrence at Hewitt's Point is being repaired and greatly improved by H. E. Baker, carpenter.

The house formerly owned by Rev. B. K. Bosworth, has been purchased by Mr. Rand of Great Falls, N. H., who intends removing his family here in the spring.

The Ladies' Sewing Society (Cong.) has recently sent a barrel of clothing to the poor of Great Falls, N. H., at \$55.00, to a Home Missionary in Dunstable, Michigan.

The week of prayer will be observed by Union meetings, Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings at the Congregational Chapel and the other evenings with the Methodist people.

The ladies of the Congregational Sewing Society held their customary last Wednesday evening, January 2, to their chapel a large number of friends. It was estimated over one hundred people were present.

Rev. E. Allen invoked the Divine blessing, acknowledging the giver of all good in the prosperity of the society, the secretary, Miss M. L. Leach, made a report for the year ending 1884. It was a very interesting account of the work of the society, showing they had scattered seed in foreign as well as home fields, written in an elegant style and read in an easy, graceful manner, that held the attention of the audience to the end.

## EAST MARSHFIELD.

Mr. John Damon of this village died of cancer last Wednesday, aged 83 years. He was very quiet and a good man, being much respected by all who knew him. It is rare that a man living in this age can pass through life without some of his relatives against him, but against John Damon not a word did we ever hear uttered. He leaves two children, Mr. John T. Damon and Mrs. Clapp.

Card parties are becoming fashionable in East Marshfield circles. "Old Maid" we are told is the favorite play, but don't play that girls, for there are too many playing it now throughout the state, the girls are to be domiciled in a snug little cottage with a husband at the helm, if he should be so, and could raise money to meet the princely fashion of the hour.

Present at a "Christmas tree" at Capt. C. T. Tilden's on the evening of Dec. 25th, given for the benefit of the grand children. All of them were present except two, that reside in Chicago, and they sent their gifts along to the little girls here. The tree was handsomely decorated and laden with presents. Chinese lanterns were suspended from the tree to the corners of the room, which gave the room a bright and airy appearance.

Each of the little ones gave a recitation appropriate to the occasion, after which the presents were distributed among them, the children also sharing, having many valuable and costly gifts. A table was then spread with cakes, nuts, confectionery, etc. The children were then to their games with happy hearts and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

## MARSHFIELD CENTRE.

Mr. George Ames who has been quite sick with the measles is now convalescent.

Mr. Chas. Williamson has recently killed three hawks whose combined weight was fifteen hundred and sixteen pounds.

As Mr. Stephen Gardner and Benjamin Whitney were engaged in cutting trees in the woods near this village a falling tree struck them both, injuring Mr. Whitney seriously. The ship, Mr. Gardner fortunately escaped with but little injury.

SILVER WEDDING.

Among the days of toil and care which each New Year must necessarily bring to us, it is pleasant to come to welcome a day of social enjoyment. Such an occasion was passed on New Year's day when many friends of the family assembled to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. H. Kane. The happy couple were joined in matrimony at Marshfield, N. H., on the 1st of January, 1859, and have since that time spent their married life in East Marshfield, where they have a comfortable home and are surrounded by a large family of children and grandchildren. The anniversary was celebrated in a pleasant manner at their residence in Hanover on Thursday evening, Jan. 1st, 1884. They had intended to observe the day surrounded only by their own, but the members of North River Lodge of Odd Fellows and their friends in the neighborhood determined that the happy couple should receive the congratulations of their friends. It was planned to make the occasion as enjoyable as possible and while enjoying the company of their relatives they were surprised by a call to the door where delegations from North River Lodge, J. O. F., and the members of Riverside Rebekah Degree Lodge, were found awaiting the privilege of helping them out in their good time. They were cordially received by the host and hostess. At nine o'clock the company was called to order and Dr. W. R. Howe in behalf of North River Lodge presented the couple with a purse of gold accompanied by well timed remarks. Before they had recovered from the shock Mrs. J. W. Brownville delivered a short but very timely address, closing by presenting them in behalf of friends and neighbors an envelope containing a check for fifty dollars in gold. After the presentation the company enjoyed a solo by Mrs. C. F. Wilson, entitled Faith and Hope. A quintet composed of Messrs. John F. Ryan and Horace Tower, Mrs. C. F. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Waterman and Miss Anna Tolman favored the company with some well rendered selections of war songs, this was followed by singing by Messrs. Waterman, Ryan and Tower. The affair was happily and well carried out and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Among the most interesting events of the evening was the group of grand old men and great grandchildren of the happy couple who sat around the table and exchanged of good wishes for the still further journey of the young looking couple. About 125 were present.

## DUXBURY.

Summer residences are being built on the island. Mr. Horace Fogg of So. Scituate, was in town last week. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hollis left town Monday for the winter.

Miss Minnie Barlow is teaching school in the vicinity of Sandwich.

Mr. Ellison and daughter will leave town next week for the winter.

A new butcher cart drove through the town the other day, that of Adelbert Delano.

Miss Annie Harlow of Lynn, spent Christmas with her grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Bradford.

The Unitarian Society held an old fashioned Tea Party, in the Academy Hall, on the 31st.

Miss A. M. Swift returned home last week from E. Boston, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ois Morton celebrated their Golden Wedding, Dec. 31. The presents were numerous and acceptable.

We are very happy to state that Capt. Prior's illness was not so severe as was at first expected, he is able to be up and about.

Mrs. S. C. Thomas will close her house this week, she will pass the winter in Dorchester with her daughter, Mrs. George T. Sears.

The public are cordially invited to attend and we hope to see a large attendance, especially of the young people.

Miss Lucy Cushman returned from her trip to the north, she had been spending Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Frank Spencer.

On Dec. 31, Mr. Spencer Winsor erected a very fine flag staff. On New Year's morning a handsome flag of stars and stripes was flung to the breeze.

Rev. E. L. Chute has accepted a call from the Orthodox Church in Northboro, to be pastor of the church. He will resign his pastorate of this church in a month.

Mr. Bradford Weston and Mrs. Louis B. Thomas were married on Monday evening, Dec. 30, by Rev. E. L. Chute, at the bride's residence. The nuptials were celebrated by a family gathering. May happiness follow in their footsteps and prosperity meet them at every turn.

WEST DUXBURY.

Mr. Geo. Gerrish is visiting her son, Mr. Henry Gerrish.

Mrs. Chas. Farnall has returned from the hospital in Boston.

Mr. Sam'l Whitmarsh, wife, children and nurse are all sick with throat trouble.

Miss Addie Smith of So. Abington made a visit to friends in this vicinity last week.

Mrs. Martin Simmons is recovering from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism.

Herbert Gerrish has gone to work for the winter for Wm. Stockbridge of Hanover.

The last of the series of meetings at the N. E. Church, was held on Monday evening, the presiding elder, Mr. Henry Peterson while filling a tree in the cranberry bog had his ankle broken and other slight injuries by the falling of the tree.

Mr. Isaac McFarlin of Brockton, late of this town, lost a valuable horse a few weeks since, he was somewhat surprised on Christmas to receive a cash present of \$150 from his friends, to partly make up his loss.

Mr. T. C. Clark, the well known grocer at Bryantville, met with quite an accident last week, after loading his goods for delivery his horse ran for the stable and fell down and in striking broke his neck. About a week ago Mr. Clark's horse ran with him and he was killed. They had intended to break his neck. This is a wish that came true.

It is said that Pembroke was the first town to rebel against the British crown.

Mr. Adlen Withers died at his residence in Pembroke on Tuesday last, aged 86 years.

Joseph E. Simmons Post 131, G. A. R., elected the following officers on Saturday evening last: Com. H. H. Collamore; S. V. C. S. J. Soule; J. V. C. A. W. Keene; O. D. S. Shedd; G. J. O. F. and the members of Riverside Rebekah Degree Lodge, were found awaiting the privilege of helping them out in their good time. They were cordially received by the host and hostess. At nine o'clock the company was called to order and Dr. W. R. Howe in behalf of North River Lodge presented the couple with a purse of gold accompanied by well timed remarks. Before they had recovered from the shock Mrs. J. W. Brownville delivered a short but very timely address, closing by presenting them in behalf of friends and neighbors an envelope containing a check for fifty dollars in gold. After the presentation the company enjoyed a solo by Mrs. C. F. Wilson, entitled Faith and Hope. A quintet composed of Messrs. John F. Ryan and Horace Tower, Mrs. C. F. Wilson, Mrs. Frank Waterman and Miss Anna Tolman favored the company with some well rendered selections of war songs, this was followed by singing by Messrs. Waterman, Ryan and Tower. The affair was happily and well carried out and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening. Among the most interesting events of the evening was the group of grand old men and great grandchildren of the happy couple who sat around the table and exchanged of good wishes for the still further journey of the young looking couple. About 125 were present.

THE SOUTH HANOVER.

The ladies of the Association given by the ladies on Wednesday evening last was a success and a very enjoyable affair.

Miss Mattie L. Ellis will soon leave for New York City where she will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mrs. John P. Falls has so far recovered as to spend last week in Bridgewater with Dr. Forbes and help.

## SOUTH SCITUATE.

The young folks go in all directions for amusement this year. The new furnace which is placed in the library building is doing good work, giving a uniform heat to the whole building.

We are the recipient of a fine calendar from the Boston Herald containing their circulation of 302,030, Nov. 5, 1884.

Did you ever in all your experience see such outrageous going as is this winter, one would need to get themselves and carriage insured before starting out.

Mr. Fogg's store is finished and in fine state, the counters are of cypress wood with black walnut trimmings and present a fine appearance. That butter of his is selling like hot cakes.

A very sudden death occurred this last week, the fifteen year old son of the late John Turner, Central street.

The cause of death was attributed to the wisdom of mother and will be sadly missed by her.

Quite a number of cases of measles have occurred in this town.

A new sign was recently placed on the house of E. A. Turner and in future it will be known as the Turner House. So far they have met with success in their undertaking of keeping a house for the accommodation of those who may wish to find rooms or board.

SOUTH SHORE AND COUNTY.

A candy manufactory is soon to be started in Warham.

A hog recently killed in Lakeville weighed 502 lbs.

Brockton has expended over \$20,000 on its roads the past year.

The last family of summer residents left Mattapoisett early this week.

The 24th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims was observed in Plymouth Dec. 22nd.

The Brockton Street Railway Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.

The publishers of the Plymouth County News probably cleared about \$30,000 on the work.

C. W. Lamb, Esq., arrived home at Marion on Sunday from Livingston, Guatemala. He does not intend to return.

John N. Ellis and family of Brockton had a narrow escape from serious results from coal gas one night last week.

Whole number of deaths in Middleboro in 1884 was 70, the oldest being 90 years, 4 months. There were also 25 marriages.

The Plymouth Savings Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, and will also \$20,000 in paying it.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Ellis Reed of Brockton who had been married fifty days recently within a few hours of each other.

The Nantucket Bottling Works, owned by Daniel McGrath, were burned early on Friday morning. Loss \$500, partly insured.

Wareham has shipped, the present season, 2000 barrels and 1000 boxes of cranberries, being third, in rank, of the town on the Cape, in shipments.

The tongue dropped out of the town bell at Plymouth last week. The bell was made by Paul Revere 150 years ago, and has since its fall.

The Plymouth Nat. Bk. has had its charter renewed for 20 years. The bank has just paid its 40th dividend and has averaged eight and one-half per cent.

Over thirty barrels of moss from Plymouth Woods was sent to Boston last week to furnish the foreground of the great Cyclorama of the battle of Gettysburg.

The fifty-first anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Lincoln was observed on Saturday, Dec. 27th, at their home on North street, West Hingham, by a family gathering.

The total receipts from Brockton's water works the past year amounted to \$10,700, the expenditures were \$9,007.75, leaving \$1,692.25 in the treasury of the public debt. The total cost of construction thus far has been \$300,045.65.

Hon. W. T. Davis of Plymouth raised the question whether the act concerning elections passed by the legislature last winter applies to the election of town officers. There are not specially mentioned "municipal" officers to towns, it would seem that they do not come under the act.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Thompson of East Bridgewater celebrated the 70th anniversary of their marriage at their residence on the afternoon and evening of Jan. 31, by receiving their relatives and friends. Mr. Thompson's age is 68 and his wife's 61. They are the oldest couple in Plymouth county, if not in the state and both enjoy good health.

The news of the suicide by drowning of Alonzo F. Jones, for whose head there is a \$1000 reward, was in the office of the Old City of Plymouth, was a shock to hundreds of persons of the town who had grown familiar with his face behind the window of his drug store. Mr. Jones had been a devoted citizen of the town for 30 years, he became dependent through too close application to the office. Friday, the day of his death, he was in the office, he had a long talk with him and arranged that he should take a vacation and a southern trip.

The most destructive conflagration ever known in Plymouth occurred Saturday afternoon in the works of the Plymouth Bridge Company. A few minutes before 4 o'clock the fire commenced in the picker room, where manilla rope is picked to planks and hoop used. Almost instantaneously the fire spread to the main building, which, with two other large brick buildings, was full of machinery and combustible material, and in a few minutes the whole structure was in flames. The loss to the company is about \$400,000. The insurance is about \$500,000. Insurance in material companies in Boston. The two large buildings were built in 1875, five stories high, about 150 feet by 80, full of valuable machinery and imported hemp. Some 300 operatives will be thrown out of employment.

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